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SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

Holiday
 Celebration
 Birthday



“If you make happy those that are near, those that are far will come.”

— Grace Lin, *Where the Mountain Meets the Moon*



1
School Principals’ Day: Surprise your head of school with one of these [gift ideas](#) from artists on Etsy.

2
Free Comic Book Day: Plan a trip to your local **comic book shop** to pick up some free comics for your students, or coordinate a meet-up for the school community to celebrate comics locally!

<p>3 National Teacher Appreciation Week: You are appreciated in so many ways, whether expressly shared or secretly treasured. Take time this week to share gratitude for your colleagues helping to raise a community of readers!</p>	<p>4 Keith Haring’s Birthday: Share <i>Keith Haring: The Boy Who Just Kept Drawing</i> by Kay A. Haring, illustrated by Robert Neubecker, to introduce students to an artist whose influence on pop art is still seen today.</p>	<p>5 Cinco de Mayo: Celebrate this significant day in Mexican history by reading <i>Cinco de Mouse-O!</i> by Judy Cox, illustrated by Jeffrey Ebbeler.</p>	<p>6 Happy (belated) Book Birthday to Papa Brings Me the World by Jenny Sue KostECKI-Shaw, which was released yesterday.</p>	<p>7 National Tourism Day: Ask students, “Where would you go if you could go anywhere in the entire world?” Have students take pictures of themselves in front of a green screen and then superimpose images from travel destinations.</p>	<p>8 No Socks Day: This might make for some extra stinky shoes, but it will also be liberating for your feet!</p>	<p>9 Celebrate National Nurses Week by inviting everyone to draw a heart on a Band-Aid and wear it around to celebrate school nurses, the ones who help us stay healthy each and every day of school!</p>
<p>10 Mother’s Day: There are lots of different ways to be a family, as well as lots of ways to celebrate those who raise us. Share <i>All Ways Family</i> by Noemí Fernández Selva, illustrated by Cristina Losantos.</p>	<p>11 Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month: Display books recognized by the Asian/Pacific American Awards for Literature and share information about the award with your learners.</p>	<p>12 National Bike Month: Share <i>Duck on a Bike</i> by David Shannon, and ask students where their favorite place to ride a bike is.</p>	<p>13 Stevie Wonder’s Birthday: Fill your teaching space with music by one of the most acclaimed and successful musicians of the 20th century. And for those who want to learn more, share <i>Who Is Stevie Wonder?</i> by Jim Gagliotti.</p>	<p>14 National Dance Like a Chicken Day: Best if performed in large groups (and possibly with someone recording it on their phone!)</p>	<p>15 National Endangered Species Day: Learn more about endangered animal species and consider adopting an animal with your class through the World Wildlife Federation (WWF).</p>	<p>16 National Love a Tree Day: You or your students may have a favorite tree near your home or on your walk to school. Today is a great day to hug that tree and thank it for its shade, strength, and fortitude.</p>
<p>17 Grace Lin’s Birthday: Choose an activity from <i>A Big Bed for Little Snow</i> or one of Grace’s other books to celebrate this award-winning author’s birthday!</p>	<p>18 Jewish American Heritage Month: Author Lesléa Newman shares books that center the Jewish faith and culture in response to the ripples from recent synagogue attacks on this episode of the Kidlit These Days podcast.</p>	<p>19 Happy Book Birthday to The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes by Suzanne Collins</p>	<p>20 National Pick Strawberries Day: How many strawberries can fit into one quart container? And how many can avoid being eaten while you count? Have students estimate with this delicious natural treat.</p>	<p>21 National Photography Month: Set up a photo booth with silly summer props, like hats, sunglasses, and beach balls, and take pictures of students for a bulletin board titled “Coming Soon: Summertime Shenanigans!”</p>	<p>22 National Buy a Musical Instrument Day: You and your students can make homemade music with these 6 DIY Instruments.</p>	<p>23 National Lucky Penny Day: Finding a penny lying heads-up is said to be good luck. Here are 14 other superstitions about pennies.</p>
<p>24 Older Americans Month: Try one of these 10 ways to celebrate older Americans.</p>	<p>25 Memorial Day: Learn about the Rolling Thunder Ride for Freedom, which pays tribute to the men and women of the U.S. armed forces, by reading <i>Rolling Thunder</i> by Kate Messner, illustrated by Greg Ruth.</p>	<p>26 Happy Book Birthday to Be Amazing: A History of Pride by Desmond Napoles, illustrated by Dylan Glynn</p>	<p>27 Sun Screen Day: How much is that sun screen actually protecting you? Here’s a super cool activity to do with kids to find out!</p>	<p>28 National Hamburger Day: You know what your library or classroom needs? A DIY Cheeseburger Pillow!</p>	<p>29 Andrew Clements’ Birthday: Learn more about the life of the late author whose best-selling book <i>Frindle</i> has sold over 6.5 million copies worldwide. Then try a Clements book you haven’t read before!</p>	<p>30 National Water a Flower Day: Who wouldn’t want more flowers around their library, classroom, school, or neighborhood? Help learners to know how much water is “just right” when caring for our petaled friends.</p>
<p>31 Mental Health Awareness Month: Check out these helpful resources.</p>						

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Children’s Activity Calendar



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